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RADIO BROADCASTING IN THE SOVIET ARMY --
A POWERFUL MEDIUM OF AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA

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For example, in one typical military radio-club center the program is arranged on a schedule corresponding with the orders of the day. Transmissions from the regular central broadcast stations are supplemented with local programs. In addition to the previously mentioned propaganda and official information, broadcasts publicize leaders in studies and sports, achievements in science, literature, and art. The program includes selected material from the leading newspapers and military gazettes, the "Soviet Soldier," "Pravda," "Red Star," and the "Literary Gazette."

Later, there are lectures and talks on the following subjects: "Lenin and Stalin -- Leaders of the Communist Party of Bolsheviks;" "Ethical Aspects of the Soviet Man;" "Resolutions of the Eleventh All-Union Lenin Young Communist League;" "Origin and Growth of the Earth;" "Each Soldier Prides Himself on His Own Specialty;" "Let Us Prize the Honor and Military Fame of the Soviet Army, and Our Own Units and Ratings;" and "The Role of Russian Scientists in the Field of Geographic Sciences." Excerpts from the works of M. Gorky, B. Polevyy, V. Azhaye and others are also read. In addition, Party and Komsomol secretaries, outstanding students, and others make regular appearances before the microphone.

The N-th Regiment has weekly reviews and excerpts of new books. In a period of only three months the Club Library organized 10 radio programs on educational subjects, books of Stalin Prize Laureates, and military and political magazine articles.

During training exercises radio is used to guide the soldiers in the tasks put before them. Special mobile radio stations make appearances in the field locations of the smaller units. A special radio newspaper is put out on the progress of the exercises, after a brief message from the Commander.

At dinner time, the radio brings the soldiers their favorite army and national songs, and articles from military journals connected with their studies.

At the target range, the duty officer has a radio at his disposition to transmit orders and announce the results. Outstanding riflemen frequently give valuable advice.

A special newspaper, "Radio Programs," is published which makes it possible to plan wired transmissions from central stations and arrange for collective hearings of special programs. Central broadcasts by Soviet soldiers, and local news of demobilized soldiers now in factories or kholkozes, are very popular. In many regiments, special attention is paid to broadcasts on the aggressive attitude of the antidemocratic imperialistic camp. One regiment had broadcasts on such subjects as "Under the Rule of the Dollar," Gorky's "City of the Yellow Devil," the verses of V. Mayakovskiy on America, the newspaper article "Cosmopolitanism -- the Weapon of Anglo-American Reaction," and others. Another club gave a series of broadcasts on the theme "Two Worlds -- Two Lives," contrasting the well-being of the Soviet worker with the mass unemployment and suffering of labor in capitalistic countries.

Soviet soldiers have greeted with enthusiasm the ukase of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR stating: "Citizens in the ranks of the Armed Forces of the USSR have the right to vote and to be elected to office on an equal footing with all citizens." Political organizations are preparing them for their duties by explaining the Stalin Constitution, the advantages of Soviet democracy over the false bourgeois democracy, information on dates and places for balloting, and Soviet regulations on voting.

Radio is doing its part to spread the information which will fit soldiers of the Armed Forces to take their proper place in Soviet life.

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